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Date: Mon, 02 Aug 93 04:43:03 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-

state.edu!cis.ohio-state.edu!mstar!n8emr!bulletin@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: ARRL BULLETIN 74 ARLB074

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

| Automatic relayed from packet radio via | | N8EMR's Ham BBS, 614-895-2553 | |

ZCZC AG16 QST DE W1AW ARRL BULLETIN 74 ARLB074 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT JULY 9, 1993 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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THE ARRL HAD FILED COMMENTS WITH THE FCC ON THEIR PROPOSAL TO DEFINE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENT OF AMATEUR MESSAGES RELAYED BY HIGH-SPEED NETWORKS.

THE FCC'S PROPOSAL, IN PR DOCKET 93-85, WAS IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF PETITIONS FOR RULE MAKING, AND WOULD ESTABLISH ''A COMPLIANCE POLICY FOR AMATEUR STATIONS PARTICIPATING IN AUTOMATIC MESSAGE FORWARING SYSTEMS, TO HOLD THE LICENSEE OF THE STATION ORIGINATING A MESSAGE AND THE LICENSEE OF THE FIRST FORWARDING STATION PRIMARILY_ACCOUNTABLE FOR VIOLATIVE COMMUNICATIONS.''

THE PETITIONS WERE FILED FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT IN EARLY 1991, WHEN THE OPERATORS OF SEVERAL AMATEUR PACKET BULLETIN BOARDS WERE CITED BY THE COMMISSION FOR FORWARDING WHAT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS A ''COMMERCIAL'' MESSAGE.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD MODIFY CURRENT FCC RULES, WHICH PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY OF EACH LICENSEE FOR EVERY TRANSMISSION FROM THE LICENSEE'S STATION, REGARDLESS OF THE CONFIGURATION OF THE SYSTEM OF STATIONS IN A DATA NETWORK OR WHETHER THE STATION IS IN REPEATER OPERATION.

THE LEAGUE SUGGESTED THAT SOME FINE TUNING OF THE DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS ''ORIGINATOR'' AND ''FIRST FORWARDER'' WAS NEEDED.

MORE INFORMATION IS IN QST FOR MAY 1993, PAGE 88.

Date: Mon, 2 Aug 1993 14:08:48 GMT

From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!wupost!ukma!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!

bodoh@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: ARRL Letter 7/24/93

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <\$arl1724@ampr.org>, marcbg@feenix.metronet.com (Marc Grant) writes:
|>

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|> The ARRL Letter
|>
|> Vol. 12, No. 14
|>
|> July 24, 1993
|>...
I> VEC'S PETITION TO FCC SEEKS
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|> "INSTANT OPERATING" RIGHTS
|>
    A petition by the Western Carolina Amateur Radio
|>
|> Society (WCARS) VEC of Knoxville, Tennessee, asks the FCC to
|> change its rules to allow amateur privileges to people
|> awaiting their first license (and call sign) from the
|> Commission.
|>...
    The FCC, in denying the Hambrecht petition, said
|> that while application processing times had been long (on
> the order of two months) when the petition was made, it had
>> been reduced to a matter of weeks and was therefore not
|> excessive.
|>
Yup - it's been cut from two months down to 8 weeks! I have been watching
the time it takes and the overwhelming majority is 8-9 weeks with some
taking 12 weeks. They - of course - are refering to the time the FCC
munches on it, but they should be considering the average time of test to
receipt of license...
+ Tom Bodoh - Sr. systems software engineer, Hughes STX, NOY?? (in the mail) +
+ USGS/EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD, USA 57198
                                                 (605) 594-6830
+ Internet; bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (152.61.192.66)
    "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 1993 20:32:08 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!spool.mu.edu!darwin.sura.net!
perot.mtsu.edu!raider!theporch!jackatak!root@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Fixing the books
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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levin@bbn.com (Joel B Levin) writes:

> dnewkirk@arrl.org (Dave Newkirk) writes:
> |At least no one has yet mentioned a possible, horrifically
> |discriminatory truth: That the "four-year rule" also acts to
> |disallow anyone under four years of age from being president of
> |the ARRL. What an outrage!
>
> Yeah, but there's another rule that says they have to be eighteen
> years old, isn't there? (Or is that just Volunteer Examiners?) :-)

Actually, Joel, the By-Laws (#13) of the ARRL say that:
"13. No person shall be President...<exhaustive list of offices>...or
Vice Director of the League unless, at the time of nomination, he
(sic) has reached his (sic) 21st birthyday and is..."

And the incumbents wonder why they are thought of as an "Old Boys Club"? According to the By-Laws, Q. E. D., they are! ;^)

And, as a new director (I am running for Delta Division Director, attempting to bring new ideas and new life to replace the silence of our incumbent) I pledge to REMOVE any and all gender-specific language in the ARRL Articles of Association and By-Laws...

This is going to be fun! ;^)

Date: 30 Jul 93 11:19:08 GMT

From: ddsw1!indep1!clifto@uunet.uu.net

Subject: FT 470 AA Battery pack

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CAxGIo.1oK@cbnewsm.cb.att.com> nk30@cbnewsm.cb.att.com (JEFF ZELL
NK30) writes:

> Recently I purchased the aa battery pack for my FT470 HT and I was >surprised to read in the enclosed product sheet that they tell you not to >use nicad aa batteries. My question is; Why? 6 x 1.25 = 7.5 Their packs are >7.2 volts. Not a show stopper difference. Has anyone tried using aa nicads >in the aa battery pack? What happen? They also mention too, not to use the PA6 >DC adapter with the AA pack.

Probably has something to do with venting of the case. I believe NiCads

release more hydrogen gas than standard batteries because they have an "emergency" gas vent (which standard batteries don't) which is a good, but not perfect, seal.

Also, nominal voltage for standard NiCads is 1.20V. I wouldn't worry about the "overvoltage" even if they were 1.25V cells (which I haven't heard of); try measuring the output of a standard NiCad pack just after a full charging and you'll probably find it's more like 8.4V. NiCads seem to charge to 1.4V/cell and, when loaded, discharge "rapidly" to the 1.2V area, staying around there for a good portion of the usable charge lifetime. (These statements are all approximate, so don't expect to see exact measurements corroborating what I said.)

If you're worried, drill a small hole in the bottom of the pack. But I understand that lots of people do use these packs with NiCads without trouble.

Your biggest trouble could occur if you accidentally short the output of the pack; if it's sufficiently sealed, the rapid venting of H2 gas from the batteries could build enough pressure to make the pack explode. (Unlikely but possible.)

Date: Sun, 1 Aug 1993 22:31:19 EST

From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1nr!system@uunet.uu.net

Subject: HELP, PC RADIATES ...QRM

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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dihi@bsdihi.atr.bso.nl (Dick Hissink) writes:

- > The combination of the PC and the radio equipment opens new doors of
- > possibilities... But what happens as soon as I switch on my PC? I get
- > a hell of a lot of QRM on almost every band!

> The main source is the monitor, but also the PC unit itself causes radiation.

- > I did some experiments with Ferrite clamps around all the in- and outgoing
- > cabling, but without a real satisfying result.

> Probably more of us have been struggeling with radiating PC's, and I wonder

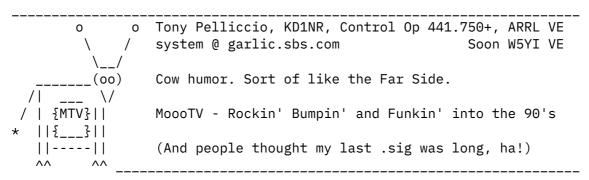
> if somebody has THE answer, or maybe some tips what to do.

Actually, I'd be interested in seeing how to resolve this problem in an easy way. I know, I know.. .ground the equipmnet but what do you do with a computer monitor that has virtually NO metal in it?

I've noticed VGA monitors tend to completely trash 20m and my XT tends to trash certain parts of 2m when it's doing intensive disk i/o.

Grrrrr.... conflicting technologies!

Tony



Date: 2 Aug 93 16:22:25 GMT

From: sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!gregt@hplabs.hpl.hp.com Subject: Kenwood AT-250 Automatic Antenna Tuner.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Mohan Pakkurti (mohan@tulip) wrote:

: it correctly. Actually I tried to tune up my ts-520s yesterday and somehow

: manages to increase the swr to more than 3:1.

: I now have dipoles for the 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m and eagerly waiting for

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: license.

Sounds like flame bait to me!

You failed to mention that you only tried this setup into a dummy load. I'll assume that was what you did since almost anything else would be illegal and would incur the wrath of the net!

Advice: Wait until your license comes! In the meantime, join your local radio club and ask for help there. Maybe one of the guys could stop by and show how to use it.

Greg Tarcza WA200D Hewlett-Packard Company P.O. Box 2197

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

719-590-2471

Pikes Peak Soaring Society /-, /-, / / / /

gregt@col.hp.com

Date: 2 Aug 93 15:52:56 GMT

From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Mode B on Phase 3D To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB SPACE @ ARL \$ARLS046 ARLS046 MODE B FOR PHASE 3D

ZCZC AS26 OST de W1AW Space Bulletin 046 ARLS046

Date: Fri, 30 Jul 1993 18:05:08 GMT

From: pipex!bnr.co.uk!corpgate!nrtpa038!bnr.ca!harp@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Need explanation of procedure in CW contacts.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <etxtsg.744029082@solsta-c> etxtsg@solsta.ericsson.se (Thomas

Grennefors TX/DKF) writes:

>From: etxtsg@solsta.ericsson.se (Thomas Grennefors TX/DKF)

>Subject: Need explanation of procedure in CW contacts.

>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 1993 10:44:42 GMT

>I am in the procedure of learning CW to get my HF proviliges.

>I have now gotten so far that i started to listen to QSO:s in

>the ham bands. But somtimes i hear the following.

>= UR RST is 599/5NN =

>What in the heck does that 5NN means.

>I must say that i wiched i lived in america where the lowes CW speed >to get a licence is 5 wpm. Here in sweden it's 8 wpm. If it would have >been 5 wpm i would be on HF by now. I hit a plateu at 6 wpm and held there >for 2 months, but now im close to 11 wpm. The application for testing

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>is in the mail. So now im starting to get interested in operational
>procedures. Are there anyting else one should think of when having a
>CW contact? Any hinbts are welcome.
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>--
>Thomas Grennefors, SM4UUA! What is the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow?
>Ericsson Telecom, Karlstad! What do you mean, an African or a European swallow?
5NN is the same as 599. 9s are very long to send so often when it is
obvious what we mean we use N.
For similar reasons T is often substituted for 0. A is substituted for 1.
I hope this helps.
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* Danny Stone (WB4ETY)
                         Bell-Northern Research
* "A Professional Grouch"
                             Research Triangle Park, NC *
* Alias "Mr. Pathos"
* Don't Blame Me - Blame the Testosterone...
* My Damn Opinions Are My Own!
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Date: 2 Aug 93 02:34:01 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Two Meter Transmitter for Phase 3D
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
SB SAT @ AMSAT $ANS-213.01
TWO-METER TRANSMITTER FOR PHASE 3D
HR AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 213.01 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD AUGUST 1, 1993
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
BID: $ANS-213.01
2m Transmitter Announcement
AMSAT-UK MEMBER TO BUILD 2M TRANSMITTER FOR PHASE 3D
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In a joint statement issued at the recently completed AMSAT-UK

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Together with the 70cm uplink receiver already planned, this means that there will, indeed, be a Mode UV capability (formerly known as Mode B) on the new satellite. If all goes as expected, users of Mode B on AO-13 can look forward to improved performance from Phase 3D.

As soon as the need for a qualified builder became known some months ago, AMSAT-UK and AMSAT-NA worked closely together to identify and screen prospective candidates. Mike Dorsett, G6GEJ, is a well-known designer of high performance VHF/UHF equipment. He is a longtime member of AMSAT-UK and is doing this work strictly on a volunteer basis. Mike's strong technical background will be a welcome addition to the international Phase 3D project team.

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Date: 29 Jul 93 20:58:03 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!ncar!noao!CS.Arizona.EDU!naucse!nauvax.ucc.nau.edu!

cvm@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Yagi matching questions

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have been given a homemade 5 element Yagi for 2 meters. Mechanically it is very well constructed. It has a gamma match on it now and the SWR is way too high, I am going to attempt to fix the match on it but I have several questions. I have input the dimensions of the antenna into the YAGIMAX program and it says that the driven element resistance is 17.32 ohms and the reactance is +12.61 ohms. Are these values reasonable to try to match the antenna to roughly 50 ohms?

YAGIMAX came with two matching programs, one for the gamma match and one for the hairpin. I think I understand how to connect the gamma match, but I don't remember how to connect the hairpin match (the copy of the antenna hand book I borrowed has be recalled by the owner). Could someone please describe the hairpin match?

Also, the hairpin matching program says that it assumes the reactive component of the impedance is negative, but the reactive component of the antenna is positive. Can I use a hairpin match on this antenna? If so, how can I determine that length of the hairpin rod?

When I run the gamma match program I get a value of 8.33 pF for the gamma capacitor. The only immediate source of capacitors I have is Radio Shack. The capacitors are rated in terms of xxWVDC. What does this rating mean? The only 8 pF caps they have are rated 50WVDC. Will this handle 50 watts from my transmitter?

And the final question, I really don't understand reactance. Could someone please explain it and how the antenna has a reactive and resistive component?

Thanks in advance for any help you can give me.

-- Chris

Chris Michels -- Systems Programmer cvm@nauvax.ucc.nau.edu Northern Arizona University -- Flagstaff, AZ cvm@nauvax.bitnet

Phone: (602) 523-6495

Date: Thu, 29 Jul 1993 16:04:45 GMT

From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!IASTATE.EDU!wjturner@ames.arpa

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CAvvEw.7J@fc.hp.com>, <CAw19r.3sD@news.iastate.edu>,

<CAxJ11.HDJ@fc.hp.com>DU

Reply-To : wjturner@IASTATE.EDU (William J Turner)

Subject : Re: -.-. -. ...

In article <CAxJ11.HDJ@fc.hp.com>, jayk@fc.hp.com (Jay Kesterson KOGU) writes:

- > I don't consider: NORDV de KOGU SK to be incorrect. Why would you say
- > your key is silent before it is. The intent of the SK is not the first
- > part of "Shave and a haircut". I long ago started sending just . . for that.
- > But I'm probably violating somebodys operating manual procedure. But in
- > this case it seems most everyone else does too......

True, many hams do it. Last night, I was reminded by an OT I QSOed with, that not everyone does, though. If you pay attenution, most of the OTs (calls with K#XXX or W#XXX, possibly also WX#XXX) do send it before the ID.

I agree SK is no the same intent as "Shave and a haircut", but it also does

not mean "Silent Key". As someone posted a few months ago, SK is actually a modified 30 using the American Morse (didididadit daaaah) which is one of the old telegrapher's codes (which 73 and 88 come from) for "end of communication" (or something close). It means that you have said everything you are going to to that station, and are moving on to something else. It is seen today (as 30) in the articles reporters write for newspapers, where they end with a 30 so that the home office (or whoever) knows they are at the end of the article.

I think CL would come closer to your "key is silent". It means you are closing the station. It, by the way, is technically the only thing you send after the final ID, "shave and a haircut" not being an official prosign.

Will Turner, NORDV

twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" | TURNERW@vaxld.ameslab.gov ------

Date: (null) From: (null)

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ARLS046 MODE B FOR PHASE 3D

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Our thanks to Keith Baker, KB1SF, of AMSAT-NA for providing this

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information.
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Date: Thu, 29 Jul 1993 19:34:45 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
References <CAw19r.3sD@news.iastate.edu>,
<1993Jul28.233437.2614@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com>,
<238kcc$18n@news.acns.nwu.edu>jherman
Subject: Re: CW Prosigns (was: -.. ..- -- -...)
In article <238kcc$18n@news.acns.nwu.edu> rdewan@casbah.acns.nwu.edu (Rajiv Dewan)
writes:
>In article <1993Jul28.233437.2614@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com>
kevin@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com (Kevin Sanders) writes:
>>
>>by current usage? I hear a majority of folks sending SK at the end, so that
>A source, may be as canonical as it gets, is the ARRL Operating Manual
>(or the RSGB version of it.).
>
>>OK, a question for all you procedural nuts: when is AR used?
>>
>According to the manual (I do not follow this all the time and as long
>as we are nit-picking...):
    QSO STUFF <AR> AA6AA DE AB6BA <K or KN>
>
>and at end of qso
>
>
    QSO STUFF <AR SK or SK> AA6AA DE AB6BA <K or KN or nothing if no return>
>
>>>There are many procedural calls that are not used correctly. Many hams send
>>>SK last. Many always send K and never KN (not incorrect, though). And many
Usually the commercial CW procedures and the ham CW procedures coincide; but
there is a bit of a difference here concerning the use of SK (the commercial
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ops call it VA). I was a CW operator for the U.S. Coast Guard; I worked at

their Honolulu Radio Station - callsign NMO. At the completion of either a broadcast (weather, navigation warning, etc.), or QSO with a ship, the last prosign sent would be VA (again, the ham's SK):

For example: <WEATHER BROADCAST> AR DE NMO VA

A ship-to-shore QSO might be a bit less formal:

<QSO> AR DE NMO / NMO DE KNDR R QSL SU VA / KNDR DE NMO TKS VA / EE / EE

(Yes, even the commercial ops send dit dit at the end of their QSO, but notice where it is placed).

I've never heard KN used, though.

Jeff, NH6IL

Jeffrey Herman, University of Hawaii Mathematics, jherman@hawaii.edu

Date: Fri, 30 Jul 1993 14:10:25 GMT

From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu! newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!IASTATE.EDU!wjturner@network.ucsd.edu To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Jul29.230455.11174@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com>,
kevin@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com (Kevin Sanders) writes:

- > In article <1993Jul29.110445@IASTATE.EDU> wjturner@IASTATE.EDU (William J Turner) writes:
- > >modified 30 using the American Morse (didididadit daaaah) which is one of the
- ^^^^^^^
- > The underscored portion is something I hear quite frequently from the other
- > op just after I turn the freq. over to him. Run together like that, followed > by a standard kn6fq de xx6xx OK etc.... It sounds like a prosign, but which
- > one is it? SN? EF? IR? None of these are listed in my prosign table.
- > If it's a telegrapher's code for 3, does 3 have a special meaning?

> I've been wondering about this for a long time.

Hmmm, I don't remember ever hearing it. I usually get a didahdit for R or RECEIVED.

I didn't mean to say didididahdit is the telegrapher's code for 3. It is actually a 3 in the American morse code (the original which was used by railroad telegraphers). What I mean by "telegrapher's code" was the system of numbers that they sent to mean different things. Someone posted a few of them a couple of months ago, and 73 and 88 are left-overs from that. Also SK is a modified 30, and I think some of the other prosigns come from the sameplace. I do have the American Morse code written down somewhere (I think it came from when my grandfather learned his morse code), but I don't know where right off.

Will Turner, NORDV wjturner@iastate.edu

| "Are you going to have any professionalism, | twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
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